

AN ACT to designate the new Walter Hill Bridge on U.S. Highway 231 in Rutherford County as the "Walter Hill Veterans Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, numbers of patriotic Rutherford County citizens have served meritoriously in the armed forces of the United States of America in conflicts necessary to preserve the liberty and independence of this nation and to protect the democratic, freedom-loving values championed by this country; and

WHEREAS, many of these veterans were wounded, suffered grievous pain and were in imminent danger of losing their lives while engaged in combat with the enemy; and

WHEREAS, these citizen-soldiers in many cases continued fighting with heroic determination and effectiveness while ignoring their intense physical pain and the constant threat to their very lives; and

WHEREAS, more than 16,320 Rutherford County veterans served and made sacrifices for the United States of America, their fellow citizens, their combat units and their comrades; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly join with the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners in recognizing with the most profound gratitude the heroic and patriotic service of all Rutherford County veterans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly does hereby express on behalf of all citizens of Tennessee our profound gratitude for the courageous service and earnest devotion to duty shown by all Rutherford County veterans, both living and deceased; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. As a permanent memorial to the patriotism and heroism of these Rutherford County veterans, the new bridge commonly known as the Walter Hill Bridge on U.S. Highway 231 in Rutherford County is hereby redesignated as the "Walter Hill Veterans Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 2. The commissioner of transportation is hereby directed to erect suitable markers or to affix suitable signs designating such bridge as the "Walter Hill Veterans Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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